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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SENIOR NSC STAFF

SUBJECT:

United States Objectives and Programs for

National Security

REFERENCES:

NSC 114 and NSC 68 Series

Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "United States Programs for National Security", dated October 18, 1951 NSC Actions Nos. 575 and 543

The attached outline of anticipated activity by the National Security Council over the balance of this calendar year with respect to United States objectives and programs for national security is transmitted herewith for the information of the Senior NSC Staff.

> JAMES S. LAY, Jr. Executive Secretary

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#### UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY (AS OF MARCH 11, 1952

The National Security Council submitted NSC 114/2 to the President in October 1951, as a preliminary recommendation regarding revisions or modifications of the policies and programs contained in NSC 68/4, in the light of a review of the status and timing of those programs in NSC 114/1.

The President on October 18, 1951, approved the Council Est recommendation with respect to NSC 114/2, authorizing the responsible departments and agencies to proceed with prelim nary budget submissions for Fiscal Year 1953 on the basis of the programs described in Part II of NSC 114/2, subject to severe considerations. Subsequently, these national security programs were submitted through the Bureau of the Budget for decision by the President, and with certain modifications, were approved for presentation to the Congress.

Over the balance of this calendar year it is anticipated that the basic U.S. objectives, policies and programs for national security in the NSC 68 and NSC 114 series will be reviewed and made the subject of Council consideration substantially as follows:

- 1. The President's Program. On February 28, 1952, the President requested the departments and agencies responsible for each of the national security programs described in the NSC 114 series to prepare for his information and for the National Security Council current summary statements of those programs as approved by the President for presentation to the Congress. It is expected that these statements will be received shortly and circulated for Council information as a final report in the NSC 114 series, to indicate the President's decisions as to the objectives, nature, magnitude and timing of those programs through Fiscal Year 1953.
- 2. Policy Review. A review of the basic objectives and strategy in the NSC 68 and 114 series in the light of the current world situation is presently in preparation by the Steering Committee of the Senior NSC Staff, scheduled to be ready for Council consideration by April 2, as a guide to 3 and 4 below.

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- 3. Status and Timing of Current Programs. Progres with respect to present programs is being covered by the regular progress reports to the Council, including those by the NSC Representative on Internal Security; by the reports and estimates of the Director of Central Intelligence; and by the activities of the Reporting Unit. It is anticipated that these will be collated into a single summary report for Council information in August along the lines of NSC 114/1.
- 4. Program Review. In September, prior to the normal budget submissions, the Senior NSC Staff will submit for Council Consideration recommendations regarding the various national security programs for Fiscal Year 1954, based upon departmental and agency submissions and in the light of 2 and 3 above.

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